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SUBJECT: CONTINUING PHILIPPINE REACTION TO NEW YORK
INCIDENT

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1. SUMMARY. LOCAL MEDIA CONTINUES TO FEATURE STRONGLY
NEGATIVE PHILIPPINE REACTION TO PHILIPPINE CENTER
INCIDENT IN NEW YORK. PARLIAMENT HAS PROTESTED THE
VIOLATION OF PHILIPPINE SOVEREIGNTY AND PRIMIN MARCOS
HAS REPORTEDLY DIRECTED THAT TEXT OF PARLIAMENTARY
RESOLUTION BE SENT TO PRESIDENT CARTER. PRESS CARRIES
REMARKS ATTRIBUTED TO MARCOS THAT THE NEW YORK INCI-
DENT MAKES FRIENDSHIP WITH THE US MORE DIFFICULT AND
THAT THE US RESERVOIR OF GOOD WILL IN THE PHILIPPINES IS
SLOWLY DRYING UP. END SUMMARY.

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2. LOCAL MEDIA JUNE 17 CONTINUE TO FEATURE PHILIPPINE
REACTION TO NEW YORK PHILIPPINE CENTER INCIDENT. ALL
THREE MAJOR DAILIES HEADLINE PARLIAMENTARY RESOLUTION
CONDEMNING POLICE "ASSAULT" ALTHOUGH DAILY EXPRESS GIVES
EQUAL BILLING TO DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S REGRETS. TIMES
JOURNAL EDITORIAL ENTITLED "LAME EXCUSE" CRITICIZES

CONTENTION BY POLICE THAT CENTER WAS NOT CLEARLY MARKED AS A DIPLOMATIC MISSION. SIMILARLY, BULLETIN TODAY QUESTIONS "HOT PURSUIT" ARGUMENT AND ASSERTS THAT PRESS REPORTS MAKE OUT A CLEAR CASE FOR PROSECUTION OF THE POLICEMEN. COLUMNIST VALENCIA WRITES SMUGLY OF "POLICE BRUTALITY" AND "GESTAPO-LIKE ACTION" AND DOES NOT FIND THE NEW YORK INCIDENT SURPRISING.

3. PRESS REPORTS THAT THE UNANIMOUS PARLIAMENTARY RESOLUTION EXPRESSED THE SHOCK AND INDIGNATION OF THE ASSEMBLYME AT THE INCIDENT AND STRONGLY PROTESTED THE VIOLATION OF THE SOVEREIGNTY, DIGNITY AND NATIONAL HONOR OF THE COUNTRY RESOLUTION ALSO CONDEMNED THE GROSS VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS OF FILIPINO NATIONALS. PRIMIN MARCOS REPORTEDLY DIRECTED MFA TO TRANSMIT THE TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION TO PRESIDENT CARTER. DURING PARLIAMENTARY CONSIDERATION OF THE MATTER ONE PROPOSAL REPORTEDLY PUT FORWARD (BUT NOT ACTED UPON) WAS TO SIGN THE RESOLUTION IN BLOOD TO DEMONSTRATE THE INDIGNATION OF THE FILIPINO PEOPLE.

4. PRESS FURTHER REPORTS THAT PRIMIN MARCOS WAS HEARD TO REMARK THAT THE NEW YORK INCIDENT MAKES FRIENDSHIP WITH THE US MORE DIFFICULT BY THE DAY. PRIMIN WAS ALSO REPORTEDLY HEARD TO SAY THAT THE RESERVOIR OF GOODWILL OF THE US IN THE PHILIPPINES IS SLOWLY DRYING UP, AND THAT UNLESS AMERICAN LEADERS ACTED ON THE SITUATION, PHILIPPINE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP MAY BE STRAINED FURTHER. MURPHY

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